

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration of this application and the consideration of the following remarks.

Claims 1-35, 37-41, 43-56, 61-86, 89 and 90 are rejected in the office action. Claims 87 and 88 are objected to in the office action.

Claims 20 and 88 have been amended. Claims 1-19, 23-85, and 87 have been canceled without prejudice and without agreeing with the rejections. No claims have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicants submit that the amendments do not add new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 87 and 88 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of the claims 87 and 88 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants here have amended independent claim 20 to include the limitations of dependent claim 87. It is respectfully submitted that claim 20 is now allowable, because claim 87 is indicated as allowable.

Given that claims 21, 22, 86, 88, and 89 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent amended claim 20, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 21, 86, 88, and 89 are now allowable.


It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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